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Marquette Interchange Coordination Team Meeting Minutes

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November 11, 2004, at 10 a.m., Amtrak Station, Community Room

Introductions

Review of minutes from previous meeting: There were two corrections made to the minutes. Victoria Collins' comments from general office media to Multicultural and Reggie Newsome's name was spelled incorrectly.

Victoria Collins announced that the print media for MIP was out. The economic development piece is still being approved.

Carrie Hersh reported on the graduation of the M-Trans labor trainees. There will be 21 candidates graduating. The graduation is to be held at the Amtrak station on November 18, 2004, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Many of the graduates have been placed with several companies such as Steppo, McDowell and Pieper. An M-Trans community-based organization meeting is planned for 12/8/2004 at the Racine Goodwill at 1:30 p.m.

Carl Madsen reported that the requests for the Public Service Ambassadors have slowed due to the weather. Requests were received from the Milwaukee Center and the Downtown Grand Avenue Mall. Some businesses are asking for repeats, which will be held off until next year. The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the start of the Jingle Bus is November 18, 2004. This tour bus boards at the Hilton Hotel downtown and anyone can ride. Three parks will participate in the Christmas lighting celebration. The Christmas parade is Saturday, November 20, with our PSA's planning to be at the parade to pass out materials.

Rosie Smith reported that the 19th Annual DBE Awards Banquet was a great success. Over 200 people attended the workshops. The DBE Support Service office is already planning for next year's event.



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Andy Narrai from **Abrazo** conveyed that there was good dialogue between Hispanic-owned businesses and majority contractors at the West Leg pre-bid workshop. Three Hispanic-owned businesses attended a DBE certification workshop. HPGM activities included a Southside organization committee meeting on October 12, providing information at the budget meeting with Supervisor Peggy West, and securing monthly interviews on Hispanic radio stations. On November 11, there will be an opportunity for labor training recruitment at a career fair at UMOS. On November 12 through November 24, an outreach effort and material distribution activity will be held at Holy Trinity of Guadalupe, Vieau School and St. Patrick's. And finally, a town hall meeting will be held with Alderman Robert Donovan with the time and date yet to be announced.

Kitty Reed reported that there was a tentative Special Project Affirmative Action Oversight Committee meeting to be held on November 19. W RTP/ Big Step, DBE's and all subcontractors on the North Leg Project will be meeting to discuss what is being done to fill employment vacancies. This meeting will be held at the Clybourn Field office.

Brian Manthey detailed how the media is being constantly updated regarding overnight ramp and lane closings. The overnight closings have gone well. Fox 6 will spotlight the Marquette Interchange project on November 30, as well as reporting updates for DBE and Labor initiatives.

Tina Brown reported on the success of the school open houses. Information was distributed at UWM with the Milwaukee Education Center scheduled next. Outreach efforts with Milwaukee Public Schools and MATC are going well with no complaints from MATC regarding traffic and parking changes. Information was distributed at a homeless shelter, and many businesses have linked to the MIP website.

Nancy Woltzen noted that the Get Around Guides are being revised for Spring 2005. The final print is expected to be ready by December. The North Leg Project, Economic Development pieces, and Hmong and Spanish translations should be ready by the end of the month.

Rosie Smith added that the DBE goal for the West Leg is 24%.

Carl Madsen and **Brian Manthey** discussed the 16th Street viaduct reopening during the beginning of December. A scheduled event to celebrate the reopening is being discussed. Clybourn Street may also be reopened to traffic soon.

Reminder

There will be no Marquette Interchange Project Coordination Committee meeting in December. The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2004, at the Amtrak Station from 10 a.m. to noon.